

Sign Committee Meeting Minutes
July 24th, 2008

Members Present

Scott Johnson, John Lomax, Marsh Prause, Rocky Scarfone (substitute), Dan O'Shea, Ed Wolverton, Mac Sims, John Allen, Clarke Martin, Mary Skenes, and Betty Cone

Members Absent

Evelyn Miller, Daron Sellers, Matt Frankland, Benjamin Briggs, Steve Branch, and Milton Kern

Staff Present

Rawls Howard and Dick Hails

Review of Meeting

- Staff presented the agenda and began going over the nonconforming/obsolete sign survey from other NC jurisdictions.
- Howard went over the obsolete sign regulations from the City's current ordinance
- Hails presented information regarding nonconforming signs in the City's current ordinance
- The committee agreed that:
 - There needs to be separate nonconforming regulations for On- vs. Off-Premise Signs.
 - When a business is abandoned for more than 90 days, the face of the sign needs to be reversed or a white face needs to be place in the place of the previous sign.
 - A sub-committee needed to be formed to discuss issues of downtown signage and for other aspects of abandoned signs.
 - The committee discussed the notion of when the sign cabinet had to be switched out, that the sign structure needed to be taken down and come into conformance. There was divergent perspectives on this and consensus was not reached.

Next Steps

The next meeting will be August 7th, 2008 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Lake Townsend Conference Room at the J. Edward Kitchen Operations Center.

We will continue reviewing issues revolving around nonconforming/obsolete signage and begin discussing tailoring signs to districts.